



Docket No.: 0941.69698

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Anticipated Classification of this application:

Class: Subclass:

Prior application: 09/537,009

Examiner: Olson, Jason C.

Art Unit: 2651

REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUING OR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a

☐ Continuation application,☒ Divisional application,

under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/537,009 filed on March 28, 2000 for **MAGNETIC TAPE APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE RUNNING OF A MAGNETIC TAPE TO STOP AT A STOP POSITION.**

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

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Date February 11, 2004

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1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed and a substitute declaration filed on July 31, 2000. The attached application papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. **09/537,009** as originally filed on **March 28, 2000**, and no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration as originally filed introduced new matter. This statement is made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

The copy of the papers of the prior application as filed are as follows:

- ☒ 36 pages of specification including claims and abstract
 - ☒ 8 sheets(s) of drawing
 - ☒ 4 pages of declaration and power of attorney
2. ☐ Enclosed is a replacement specification reflecting previously submitted amendments and/or additional formal amendments. No new matter is added by the changes. A copy of the oath or declaration as originally filed is also included.

The new application includes:

- ☐ _____ pages of specification including claims and abstract
 - ☐ _____ sheets(s) of drawing
 - ☐ _____ pages of declaration and power of attorney
3. ☐ A statement (Declaration) claiming small entity status was filed in the prior application and small entity status for this application is proper and desired.
 4. ☒ Cancel in this application original claims **1-7 and 12-18** of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

5. (X) The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

| For | No. Filed | No. Extra | Rate | Fee |
|--|-----------|------------------|-------------|----------|
| Basic Fee..... | | | | \$770.00 |
| Total Claims... | 6 - 20 = | | x \$18.00 = | \$ -0- |
| Independent Claims.... | 2 - 3 = | | x \$86.00 = | \$ -0- |
| | | Total Filing Fee | | \$770.00 |
| Statement of Status as Small Entity Reducing Filing Fee By Half To | | | | \$ -0- |

6. (X) A check in the amount \$770.00 is enclosed.
7. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
8. () A petition and fee for an extension of time has been filed in the pending prior application. A copy of the petition is attached.
9. (X) Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: **--This is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/537,009, filed March 28, 2000.--**
10. (X) Priority of application Serial No(s). **11-230585, filed on August 17, 1999 in Japan** is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- (X) The certified copies were filed in prior application Serial No. **09/537,009, filed March 28, 2000.**
11. (X) The prior application is assigned of record to: **Fujitsu Limited, 1-1 Kamikodanaka 4-chome, Nakahara-ku, Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa 211-8588 Japan. The assignment was recorded on August 2, 2000, Reel 011034, Frame 0405.**

12. (X) The inventors of the invention of the parent application, serial number 09/537,009 are **Masayoshi KOBAYASHI, Masahiko SAKAGUCHI, and Tsuneyoshi OOHARA.**
13. (X) An information disclosure statement is submitted herewith.
14. (X) A preliminary amendment is enclosed herewith.
15. () Please delete the name(s) of ^^^^ who is (are) not a (an) inventor(s) of the subject matter of the () continuing () divisional application.
16. (X) The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

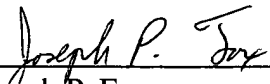
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**NOTIFICATION OF FILING OF CONTINUING
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Notification is hereby being made of the filing of a:

☐ continuation

☐ continuation-in-part

☒ X divisional


application for this case

☒ X concurrently herewith.

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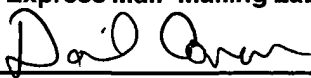
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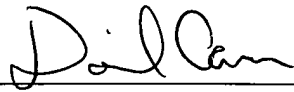
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Transmitted herewith are three (3) sheets of formal drawings to be substituted
for FIGs. 1A, 1B, 6 and 7 of the drawings initially filed in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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